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NEWS BY THE CABLE.

The Communists Growing Desperate

Concentration of Troops at Versailles,

discellaneous and Washington News,

A Decisive Battle Anticipated Soon,

Discussion of the Kuklux Measure.

INSURGENTS GETTING DESPERATE. Universal Conflagration Threatened Troops Concentrating at Versailles.

London, April 13.—Dowbrowski is popular with his troops. He declares that he will burn Neuilly, Villers and Patmons if necessary for defence. A great concentration of troops

McMahon has gone to Ville Letang and a decisive battle upon the insurgents positions is expected.

Thiers now opposes the conciliation and thinks success certain. A dispatch from Paris says the Nationals are massed near the Arch Triumph. Dowbrowski selected Asniers for the

centre of operations against Courbevoie. Long Champs and Asniers are both well Paris is calm but the exodous of inhabitants continues.

WASHINGTON, April 13.-Cable dis patches report tremendous firing in the direction of the forts, but as yet no decisive or important action.

The Du Peuples says, the Versailles troops have been driven from Neuilly, and are flying towards Courbervoie.

The Orleans railway has been cut by the tions. Versailles troops.

Fort Valerien was firing heavily this Members of the Commune were personally on the field to encourage the troops.

The British Consul of Paris warns Englishmen to leave the city.

There has been no engagement to-day.

All the roads to Paris are occupied by the Versailles troops.

CONCRESSIONAL.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, April 13.—The contin-ned Kuklux debate meets to-night for THREE FOOT GUAGE—RAIL THIRTY POUNDS talk only. The bill will be disposed of to-

The House was engaged on the Defi-ciency Appropriation Bill. The Senate amendment repealing the law fixing the time for meeting of Con-gress on 4th of Maach was concurred in by a vote of 30 to 98. In the course of the discussion on that amendment, Dawes said he believed this session had been a mistake and that there would be more to repent than to boast of. He alluded to wrangling in the House, and to the deeper wounds in the Senate, which bleed internally. If anything could induce people to forgive them, it would be that moderate measures

had prevailed in the past few days.

Beck, in advocating the concurrence, said the next Congress would be Demoeratic, and their Speaker would then be in the same embarrassing position as the present Speaker was now placed in regard to appointment of committees before he be-came acquainted with the members; besides there would be a Democratic President; and there would be no danger of his violating the provisions of the Consti-

WASHINGTON.

Rules of Evidence Before the Claims Commission. WASHINGTON, April 13 .- The Southern Claims Commission rule that in every case where possible the testimony of the loyalty of claimants and the facts of the case be given before them orally. In cases where circumstances prevent witnesses from coming to Washington, application must be made for permission to take their testimony in some other manner. The names of witnesses and the material facts to be proved by their testimony, and the respective causes of their inability to be ex-amined in Washington, being set forth in ex parte affidavits, will not be taken as

The President to-day nominated a Terri-

HOME NEWS.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.—The Republicans in the Legislature have passed caucus resolutions against certain pending

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NARROW GUAGE RAILROADS.

Their Cost as Compared with Broad

We take pleasure in inserting in this morning's issue a few facts in reference to narrow guage railroads, through the courtesy of Capt. O. G. Vanderhoof, Civil action, and that with respect to the feelings and Engineer, who is making narrow guage deas of all. I have an organization known as the

railroads a specialty:

The question of the practical utility of narrow guage railways as feeders and auxillaries to establish trunk lines, and for the opening of sections now practically into the opening of sections are sections. accessible except by common roads, has be-come within a comparatively short time one of almost universal interest.

In every country the question of guage is under discussion, but in the United States it has attained in the popular estimation an importance greater than that which attaches to any other question of

which attaches to any other question of engineering interest.

In most of the States special Legislative Committees have been appointed to consider and report upon the practicability of the system, and to suggest such forms of legislation as may best be calculated to encourage the construction of such roads. A Committee appointed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, to investigate upon the practicability of this system have reported favorably, and ask such legislation that will encourage their construction, and

ported favorably, and ask such legislation that will encourage their construction, and recommend their general adoption.

The great difficulty heretofore in building the common gauge railroad, was the great amount of money expended before any profits could be realized, and many who have invested in these enterprises have been compelled to dispose of their stock at reduced prices, having never received a cent in dividents, as the earnings oftentimes are insufficient to pay the expenses of the road. penses of the road.

By adopting the narrow gauge system, we can secure more railway communications and receive larger dividends than the same amount of money has done hereto-

With this system, our sections heretofore inaccessible on account of the extreme PARIS, April 13.—Dowbrowski reports to the Communal Committee that his troops are doing excellent service, and are already holding three-fourths of the town of Neuilly, and hopes to possess the bridge across the Seine to-night.

The Du Peupler save the Land Response of the constructing the broader gauge, can now be penetrated by the iron horse, securing to the people better facilities of transportation, and securing to the stockholder a dividend worthy of its hire.

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now ranks as one of the most wealthy States in the Union. Her chain of railroads have done all this, for every locality has its easy access to railway communica-The following is a comparative cost of place

the five foot and three foot gauges after graded and prepared for the track. No uefinite figures can be made in reference to the grading, as it would vary in differ-ent localities. Grading per mile will ave-VERSAILLES, April 13.—It is officially announced that the alleged Communist victories are unfounded.

to the locality and the amount of bridging and masonry to be put up.

FIVE FOOT GUAGE—RAIL FIFTY-FIVE POUNDS. to the locality and the amount of bridging of Confederate graves.

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and gradients, at the rate of 20 to 40 miles With these estimates, the 3 foot gauge will not cost more being fully equipped than from \$6,000 to \$8,000 per mile, and yielding, in comparison to the present income of roads, dividents from 5 to 10 per cent. on the capital invested.

No enterprise has presented itself to the people of the United States, and especially Each section of our State can by the as sistance of county subscriptions, build these roads, and be improved thereby.

Licans in the Legislature have passed caucus resolutions against certain pending bills, declaring them party measures, and threatening to denounce any Republican voting for them as a renegade.

The marriage of Miss Gerolt, the daughter of the Prussian Minister, with Mr. Rangabe, the Greek Charge at Washington, will attract unusual attention, not only account of the high position of the parties, but because it will be performed in two sities, and will require several days in the performance. The rites will be celebrated first of all (it is said) according to the performance. The rites will be celebrated first of all (it is said) according to the performance of the Roman Catholic on the Roman Catholic and Greek Causolide.

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A Card from the Revenue Officials. MESSES, EDITORS: We the undersigned,

whose names appear with many others signed to a Memorial to Congress, as published and re-published in the Press and Herald, and commented upon in the Whig and Register, of this city, wish to make a brief explanation of our

Kuklux Klan ever existed in East Tennessee we have no knowledge of, and that otherwise our section is quiet and peaceable we are free to admit; hence any allusion made to such, was solely (or intended to be) confined to Middle and West Tennessee. This memorial was signed when the State Legislature was acting se recklessly, and manifesting so little regard for loyality, and with a knowledge that the proceedings of the Supreme Court were so detrimental to the interests of the Union peo-

Furthermore, our act in so doing was in good faith and with an honest purpose, however pub-lic opinion may have construed our motives to the contrary.

We deprecate the seeming injury likely to result from it, in common with all good citizens whose all, like our own, is dependent upon the

future prosperity of this section. Again we say that all acts of personal violence, insecurity of property, and the helpless and deplorable condition of Union people from K. K. Klan in East Tennessee, were so far from a reality, that we did not doem it necessary to

We venture to assert that no persons are more desirous of cultivating friendly feelings and to obliterate all former political distinctions than we, as our past courses will attest.

No further newspaper explanation or contro versies will be indulged in by us.

With due respect to all, and malice towards none, we subscribe ourselves.

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W. O. WHITE,
Gro. W. Ross,
Assessors.

State News.

The oldest printer in the State, W. L. Barry, Esq., of Nashville, has joined the Sons of Tem-John Harveson, a lad seventeen years of age

was arrested in Humbolt last Tuesday, charged with robbing the mail. He was taken to Memphis and lodged in jail until his trial shall take

The ladies of the Memorial Society held a meeting at the Maxwell House, Nashville, Tuesday, and appointed a Committee of Arrangements, in connection with the memorial rage between \$1,000 and \$3 000, according services on the 10th of May, for the decoration Mr. Robertson of Memphis "ghost jar" note-

riety, is reported to be getting out a book giving a tull history of the sensation, and including a great many things not heretofore published. John Donaldson's store at Edgefield Junction was entered by a burglar, who, before he got away with his plunder, had a sharp tussle with a cierk, but the latter being lame the burglar made his escape.

By order of the Chancery Court of Davidson county, Mr. Joseph C. Allen commenced issuing certificates, Monday, to the stockholders of the Union Bank, for a stock dividend to the amount of four dollars on each share.

The following excellent story has been circulating in Washington: At one of the social meetings of the Joint High Commission, Judge Hoar, in conversation with Professor Bernard, made the remark that

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